

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 270

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ray Alan Gross.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Ray Alan Gross; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gross was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ray Alan Gross served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Trousdale County Farm Bureau, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his; and

WHEREAS, after joining the Trousdale County Farm Bureau in 1962, Mr. Gross dedicated several decades of sterling service to the organization, extending his leadership abilities towards membership on the board of directors for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Ray Alan Gross held several leadership positions during his tenure with the Trousdale County Farm Bureau board of directors, including those of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and his commitment was legendary among his fellow board members. He held a record of perfect attendance at all meetings between 1999 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, during his term as president of the board of directors, the Trousdale County Farm Bureau was awarded the President's Award and nine Gold Stars, the highest number ever in the bureau's history. It was also during his tenure that additions were made to the organization's building and the Farm Bureau Women's Committee was established; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gross was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Farris Dean Gross, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Jennifer and Gary Claridy; and

WHEREAS, Ray Alan Gross was preceded in death by his brother, Joe Sam Gross, and will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Alan Carman, Matthew Duke, and Brianna Garrett; his step-grandchildren, Scotty and Keith Claridy; his four step-great-grandchildren; and his siblings and their spouses, Jerry and Barbara Gross, John Frank Gross, Jackie and Betty Gross, and Hannah and Bob Ellis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gross leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ray Alan Gross, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gross.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.